

ATHLETICS

NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

A BOTANY TRIUMPH

H. R. Turner First Home

The five miles novice cross-country championship of New South Wales was decided yesterday afternoon, after a spell of two years, and resulted in a Botany triumph. Not only did the club win teams honors, but members captured the three places in the individual section and the first five in the scaled handicap.

As in past years, the race was conducted by the East Sydney A.A.C., but the enterprise of its officials was poorly supported by racing members, only two "tricolor" men facing the starter. The best muster was provided by the Botany Club with nine entrants.

The winner, H. R. Turner, is only 18 years of age, and has been showing splendid form in club road-races during the present season. Tom Morris, who finished second, led for the first couple of miles, but an error in making a false turn robbed him of his chance of victory.

Details:—

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

H. R. Turner (Botany), 30min. 27 1-5sec.	1
T. Morris (Botany), 30min. 38sec.	2
G. Molloy (Botany), 31min. 50sec.	3
R. G. Palce (South Sydney), 32min. 35 2-5sec.	4
P. Quinn (Botany), 32min. 50sec.	5
H. W. Sweeting (South Sydney), 32min. 52sec.	6
H. C. Williams (Redfern), 33min. 33sec.	7
B. R. Heath (East Sydney), 33min. 50sec.	8
D. Hector (Botany), 33min. 51sec.	9
A. Lynch (Botany), 34min. 8sec.	10
L. J. Osborne (Botany), 34min. 11 1-5sec.	11
C. J. Grandemange (Botany), 34min. 12 sec.	12

TEAMS RESULT

Botany Harriers (Turner 1, Morris 2, G. Molloy 3, Quinn 5), 11 pts.	1
South Sydney Harriers (Palce 4, H. W. Sweeting 6, P. Fitzgerald 13, H. Mol-	

Sweeting 6, P. Fitzgerald 13, H. Molloy 15), 38 pts.	2
Redfern Harriers (Williams 7, Rowe 18, Milne 19, O'Leary 21), 65 pts.	3

Grandemange and Morris were first out. But crossing the creek near New South Head-road (about a quarter of a mile) Morris was a few yards in the lead, with Osborne and Heath next, and then Grandemange, Quinn, Sweeting, Hann, Rowe, and the Molloy brothers. At the intersection of O'Sullivan-road (about three-quarters of a mile) Morris and Sweeting were about 10 yards out, followed by Turner, Osborne, and George Molloy. At a mile and a half Morris had a five yards break on Sweeting, with Turner, Molloy, Williams, Heath, and Palce next in order. Half a mile further on Morris and Sweeting had opened a gap of 30 yards on the nearest man, Turner, with G. Molloy about the same distance behind Turner, then following at intervals Williams, Palce, Heath, P. Fitzgerald, Stone, Quinn, Osborne, Palce, and Grandemange. A few hundred yards further on the two leaders took a wrong turn, and by the time they had retraced their steps Turner, Molloy, Heath, Williams, and Palce had passed along the road. The pair set out after the leaders, and at the Old South Head-road (about half-way) Morris was only 50 yards behind Turner. The ground sloped rapidly after passing this point, and on the down grade Turner's long strides gave him an advantage. At 3½ miles he had close on a hundred yards the better of club-mate Morris, Molloy, Palce, Williams, Sweeting, and Heath being next in order.

Quinn, who had been saving himself, now made a forward move, and passed all but the first four men. Coming along New South Head-road Morris drew a little nearer the leader, but Turner had too much in hand, and won comfortably by about 40 yards. Molloy was a good distance behind in third place.

SEALED HANDICAP

H. R. Turner (Botany), 10sec.	1
T. Morris (Botany), scr.	2
G. Molloy (Botany), 55sec.	3
P. Quinn (Botany), 1min. 50sec.	4
C. J. Grandemange (Botany), 2min. 30sec.	5

SYDNEY JUVENILES

The Sydney Juvenile Harriers conducted two events at Erskineville Oval. Results:—100 Yards Scratch Race.—E. Mills, 1; J. Sherringham, 2; F. Ambrose 3; S. Morgan, 4.

880 Yards Handicap.—J. Sherringham, scr., 1; F. Ambrose, 57yd., 2; D. Fort, 42yd., 3; E. Gooley, 26yd., 4.

PEACE CUP NEXT SATURDAY

The eight miles road race for the Peace Cup, conducted by South Sydney Harriers, is to be decided next Saturday, and late

is to be decided next Saturday, and late entries will be received until noon to-morrow. Arrangements have been made to post the progress of the race at the starting and finishing point, Watkin and King streets, Newtown.